[Shrimati Sushma Swaraj]

decided to introduced this Bill again in its amended form. But inspite of our repeated requests, so far this Bill has not been brought in the Parliament. We are loosing one after another days, one session after another session but, it still remains unheeded.

As you have said just now that this Bill is meant for a specific purpose and the B.A.C. is meeting today. You have suspended the Question Hour and ruled that this Bill be passed but that was no avail. This Bill has seen many ups and downs and we gave our consent to everything you wanted from us. But this time, now, I want you to decide in the meeting of B.A.C. that this Bill be introduced and passed in its amended form by the Parliament. Only then the promise made by the Prime Minister for welfare of the women will be fulfilled.

My submission is that unless and until participation of women in politics is encouraged, it would not be possible to find out a solution to their problems. This Bill will prove a stone mileage for women and a solution to their problems. Therefore I request you to take a decision in the meeting of B.A.C. to be held today so that this Bill is introduced, considered and passed in this very session itself. This is my appeal to all of you in this House that please try to see that this Bill is passed in this sessid it self. So Sir, you may please decide today its consideration and passing time . . .*(Interruptions)*.

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : I think we have a lot of time on this Bill. I want to say very categorically that the champion of social justice and reservation, Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar himself was dead against the political reservation. From the year, 1951, when he resigned from the Government, till he breathed his last, he continued his struggle against the political reservation. Political reservation can not be a means to uplift any person. I want to say that like my party has accepted a women as its leader, why can not B.J.P. accepts Sushma Swaraj ji as their leader ? Then if Sushma ji gives tickets and gives 100 percent reservation to women of her party, we will be having no objection thereto. Likewise, if other parties give 100 percent reservation to the women of their respective parties, then also we will be having no objection but, in case, this Bill is passed, the whole political system will become paralysed. If the Prime Minister has uttered a sentence, it does not mean that Ms voice is the voice of God and now that has become a law; Neither the Prime Minister is any God or Khuda nor his sentences are any couplet of Geeta or Quran . . .*(Interruptions)*.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, four days still remain there, before this session is adjourned, therefore, you allot some time and let us discuss the pros and cons of this Bill is totality before it is passed so that we can ascertain us to how much benefit or loss this Bill would cause to the country.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is one more note worthy point in this Bill and that is to ascertain further as to who are those women who are likely to benefit from this Bill. I want to say that whatever struggle we have fought so far for social justice and social change, attempts are being made to undo all those efforts by bringing and passing this Bill seeking reservation for women. . .*(Interruptions)*.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government is committed for introduction of women reservation Bill.

We are committed on this score in our minimum need programme also and because of this we have held a meeting of All Party Leaders on 7.5.1997 and as all of you know, that meeting is still not over. We have to hold more such meetings. Since it is a constitutional matter and we require two-third majority in order to get it passed and hence, on this score we do not want to give a signal to the world that we are having divided opinion in our House on the issue of women reservation. We already have held the first meeting which would be followed by the second very soon. The Prime Minister is coming back on 14.5.97. When he comes back, we will apprise him of the opinions of the House.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Chhapra) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 3.5.97 in my Parliamentary Constituency Sonepur. I was murderously attacked. When I had drawn your attention towards this incident you had given me an assurance to fix time to speak in the house about this incident. You had also asked the hon. Minister of Home Affairs to make a Statement thereon. Sir. today is 12th May and this session is going to end by 16th of May. But so far the hon. Minister of Home Affairs has not made a statement in this regard.

Sir, it is really very sad and surprising thing that an M.P. is prevented from visiting his Parliamentary constituency and performing his legislative duties by assaulting him. The law and order situation in Bihar has deteriorated

to such an extent that even an M.P. can not visit his parliamentary constituency safely. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I seek your protection and request you to ask. Mr. Minister of Home Affairs to make a statement in this House to clarify the whole situation. Along with this I hope that I will also be given a chance to speak on it after the statement by the Minister . . .*(Interruptions]*

[English]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Chhapra) : Sir, you accept that once the Minister replies, I will be given an opportunity. I will wait for that opportunity.

MR. SPEAKER : I will give you an opportunity after the Minister makes a statement, I promise that.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : when would the Minister make that statement ?

MR. SPEAKER : I have just checked up the position with the Ministry of Home Affairs. They have informed that the Home Minister would make a statement in a day or two. That is what the wording has come. So, I would like the Home Minister to make a statement tomorrow after the Question Hour. Then you can reply to that.

12.18½ hrs.

RE : ROLE OF CBI IN BIHAR FODDER SCAM

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI (Darbhanga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise an important issue in the House. At several occasions, the whole House had raised a censuring finger towards functioning of CBI It has been mentioned time and again that partiality is being done by CBI and it is forcing people to make the statement of their choice. It is involving innocent people in various cases. In this context I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards a news item published in newspapers.

12.19 hrs.

[SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA *in the Chair*]

CBI has made a propaganda that Harish Khandelwal, the propriter of A.B. Sales . . .*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please sit down. Please let him speak and conclude his speech.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You will also be given a chance to speak.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : You can not suppress our voice in such a way . . .*(Interruptions)*. Mr. Chairman, Sir, you have given me a chance to speak . . .*(Interruptions)*. Please ask him to sit down . . .*(Interruptions)*. He can say his point when he will be given a chance to speak . . .*(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You will also be given a chance to speak.

(Insterruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You will also get a chance.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has been allowed to speak.

(Interruptions)

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the House cannot be used for conducting an inquiry.

SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL (Monghyr) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Chief Minister is responsible for these incidents . . .*(Interruptions)*. This all is being done deliberately to tarnish the image of CBI and to suppress the facts . . .*(Interruptions)*. It should not be permitted . . .*(Interruptions)*.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, this all has been done to influence the inquiry . . .*(Interruptions)*.

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the murder conspiracy case . . . *(Interruptions)*.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please take your seats. Mandalji, Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please take your seat. He has been permitted by the chair to raise this matter.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Nitish ji, Rs. One crore has been given you . . .*(Interruptions)* CBI. has given a statement . . .*(Interruptions)*. It has published in newspapers . . .*(Interruptions)*.